



Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

ALMA MATER

Composed and Adopted - 1936

Music by: Elizabeth Bustin Brannon

Lyrics By: Marguerite Dacey

Dear Alma Mater, we sing thy praise
In sweet remembrance of our college days
Comrades and teachers, friends so true
We give our love to you.

Long will we cherish the days spent with thee
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree
Deep in our hearts rests your memories true
Here's all our love to you.

Homecoming 1987

October 10

ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

ADDIE RHODES LEE Class of 1958

From a one-room schoolhouse at Gum Branch in Winston County, Mississippi where she first dreamed of becoming a teacher to selection as "Teacher of the Year" for the State of Alabama, Dr. Addie Lee has devoted herself to education. Earlier this year she received a resolution from both houses of the Alabama Legislature and a commendation from Governor Hunt on her selection for the honor. She has also been selected as the Alabama Vocational Association's Outstanding Vocational Teacher for Business Education 1987-88 and has been nominated by Alabama for the National Teacher of the Year for 1988. The city of Midfield, Alabama recently awarded her their Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Lee, the daughter of Mrs. O. D. Rhodes and the late O. D. Rhodes, was born in Winston County. She is a graduate of Louisville High School and earned a Secretarial Science Degree from East Central Junior College. She is married to Roy Lee and they have two children, Jan Guthrie of Midfield and Staff Sergeant Jerry D. Peterson of Homestead Air Force Base, Florida.

She earned the Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education from Mississippi State University, the Master of Arts Degree in Business and the Doctor of Education in Secondary Education from the University of Alabama.

Dr. Lee holds membership in the following professional organizations: The National Education Association, Alabama Education Association, American Vocational Association, Alabama Vocational Association, Jefferson County Vocational Association, National Business Education Association, Southern Business Education Association, Alabama Business Education and Delta Pi Epsilon, the national honorary graduate society in business education.

In the latter organization she is a charter member of the University of Alabama Chapter, having served two-year terms as vice president and president and has recently been reelected for a second two-year term as president.

Dr. Lee has served as vice president and president of the Alabama Business Education Association and last year was invited to the National Business Education Association to speak on "The Use of Computers in Business Education." She has served on numerous committees and on several visiting teams for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

She has been inducted into honor societies, Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Tau Sigma, Pi Omega Pi, Phi Kappa Phi and Delta Kappa Pi. Her peers describe her as a "dedicated and respected teacher who cares about her students and works well with them." Now in her 24th year of teaching in the Jefferson County Alabama School System, Dr. Lee has fond memories of her years at East Central where she excelled in academics, edited the Tom-Tom and was named to the Hall of Fame.

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

BRADFORD JOLLY TUCKER

Class of 1948

At the conclusion of this session, Dr. Brad Tucker will complete thirty-seven years on the staff of East Central Junior College, ten on the faculty and twenty-seven as dean. No other person in the combined history of the AHS and junior college has served longer. He is the senior member of the Mississippi Public Junior College Dean's Association and the only charter member still employed as a dean.

Dr. Tucker was born in Leake County, the third child of the late Marvin and Bonnie Tucker. He grew up near Edinburg and is a graduate of Edinburg High School. He is married to the former Mary Vaughan of Yazoo County, and they have one daughter, Beth, of Meridian.

Scholastically, Dr. Tucker was Valedictorian of his high school class, was graduated from ECJC with honors in January 1948, and was inducted into honorary organizations Alpha Tau Alpha, Alpha Zeta, and Phi Kappa Phi at Mississippi State University where he received the Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate Degrees. He received a Kellogg Foundation Scholarship to study Junior College Administration at the University of Texas. He also attended the University of Southern Mississippi.

He began his employment at ECJC as Vocational Agriculture teacher in 1951, then served as college agriculture teacher and farm manager before assuming the position of dean in 1961. He has also taught sociology at East Central and graduate courses in Educational Foundations and in Junior College Administration for Mississippi State University. Prior to coming to East Central Junior College, Dr. Tucker served two years in the U. S. Navy during World War II and taught for two years at Benton High School in Yazoo County.

In leadership roles, Dr. Tucker has served as president of the local faculty organization, president of the Dean's Association, president of the Decatur Exchange Club, Master of the local Masonic Lodge, and Chairman of Deacons at the local Baptist Church. He has represented the Mississippi Vocational Association as a delegate at the American Vocational Association and has served as a leader at the Southeastern Leadership Conference for Junior College Administrators at Florida State University.

Professional affiliations held by Dr. Tucker include the local faculty organization, the State Junior College Faculty Association, the Mississippi Junior College Dean's Association, the Mississippi Association of School Administrators and the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

In addition to the usual dean's responsibilities, for the past three years Dr. Tucker has been designated by the college to work with the Alumni Association and to coordinate the annual homecoming activities.

HOMECOMING LUNCHEON

MABRY MEMORIAL CAFETERIA

OCTOBER 10, 1987

12:00 Noon

Mr. Harold Webb, Alumni President, Presiding

Invocation

Mr. Arno Vincent, Class of 1937

Entertainment

The Collegians directed by Mr. Tom
Carson, Band Director & Music Faculty

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President

Remarks and Nominating
Committee Report

Mr. Henry B. Hudspeth, Chairman of
the Board of Trustees

Recognition of Homecoming Court

Dr. Eddie M. Smith

Recognition of Reunion Groups
Football Teams of 1948, 1949,
and 1950
~~Collegians~~

Coach Jamie Clark, Baseball

May Queens

Mrs. Brenda Carson, Financial Aid
Director

Classes of 87, 77, 67, 57, 47
and 37

Miss Lucille Wood, Education and
Physical Education

Awarding of Golden Anniversary
Diplomas

Dr. Brad J. Tucker, Dean of Instruction

Dr. Eddie M. Smith

Recognition of Special Alumni

Mr. Gene Davis, Dean of Students

Golf Tournament Winner

Coach Joe Clark, Tournament Director

Tennis Tournament Winners

Mr. Larry Blackburn, Asst. Tournament
Director

Presentation of the Faculty of
of the Year Awards

Dr. Brad J. Tucker

Presentation of Athletic Hall
of Fame Award

Mr. Rodney Bounds, Newton County
Circuit Clerk

Presentation of Alumna of the
Year Award

Dr. Pam Kirk, Vice President
Alumni Association

Presentation of Alumnus of
the Year Award

Dr. Eddie M. Smith

Adjourn

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

BILLY WAYNE BAUCUM

Billy Wayne Baucum started both years for East Central Junior College as both offensive halfback and defensive back. In the days of two-way football, he rushed for seven hundred fifty yards on one hundred fifty-three carries, caught eighteen passes for two hundred forty yards, and made ninety-two tackles during his sophomore season in 1960. During that season he was named the Outstanding Back on Coach Bobby Oswalt's Warriors, was named the captain of the team, was elected Mr. ECJC, was selected to the All-State and All-American football teams, and played in the Junior College All-American Game in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Following his brilliant career at East Central Junior College, Baucum continued his education at Louisiana College where he was also Most Outstanding Back and led the team in rushing and pass receptions. Baucum also lettered in baseball at both colleges.

Upon graduation from Louisiana College, Billy Wayne Baucum began his teaching and coaching career at Columbia. He moved to Hickory and then to ECJC where he assisted Coach Ken Pouncey from 1967-70. While at Hickory he organized their first Boy Scout Troop.

From 1970 to 1982 he served as Assistant Superintendent of Education for Newton County where he coordinated the federal programs for the county schools. Elected as County Superintendent of Education in 1982, Baucum served until his death following a heart attack in December 1983. The popular school administrator had just been elected to a new term preceding his untimely death.

Baucum was involved in many civic and community endeavors. He was twice named Decatur's Outstanding Young Man and was selected as Mississippi's Outstanding Young Man in 1976. After attending East Central Junior College, he received the Bachelor of Science Degree from Louisiana College and the Master of Education Degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. He had completed additional graduate work at the University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State University, and Mississippi College.

Football star Billy Wayne Baucum met cheerleader Linda Barnes while both were students in high school. They were married when both were college students. They have two children, Billy Wayne, Jr. and Cheryl. Cheryl is married to George Amis and they have a new son whom they named Colby Wayne.

Billy Wayne Baucum is the third person selected for the East Central Junior College Athletic Hall of Fame and the first football player so honored. His contribution to athletics and to education in this area will long be remembered by all who knew him. He exhibited those qualities of leadership and selfless service which endeared him to ECJC as an athlete and student, coach and faculty member, and member of the Board of Trustees.

ACADEMIC FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD

THOMAS W. THRASH

Thomas Thrash is the son of Mrs. Evelyn G. Thrash and the late John T. Thrash of Newton. He is married to the former Jeanette Beaver of Union and they have two children, Mrs. Mev Knight of Meridian and Melissa Thrash, ECJC sophomore.

Thrash is a graduate of Newton High School. He holds the A.A. Degree from East Central Junior College, the Bachelor of Science Degree and the Master of Social Science Degree from Mississippi State University and has completed additional graduate work at both Mississippi State University and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Professionally, he holds membership in the local faculty organization, the Mississippi Public Junior College Faculty Association, the Mississippi Professional Educators Association, the ECJC Alumni Association, and the Gamma Nu Chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta, National Honors History Society.

In the community he is a trustee of the Decatur United Methodist Church, vice president and past president of the Decatur Country Club and a member of the Decatur Country Club Board for the past fifteen years.

Thrash is listed in Outstanding Young Men of America. He has held all offices in the local Jaycees. He has served the state Jaycees as area vice president. He has been a Regional Director and a National Director of Jaycees and has served on the National Board.

Thrash has been honored as Decatur's Young Man of the Year. He has been awarded life membership in the Jaycees as Governor and was awarded life membership in the United States and International Jaycees as a JCI Senator.

In 1962, upon completion of his master's degree he joined the ECJC faculty in the Social Science Department. He has taught world civilization, government, and geography each year since. He has served as division chairman and has chaired and/or served on numerous faculty committees for the college. He currently represents his division on the college Library Committee.

VOCATIONAL FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD

CHESTER CLARK

Chester Klein Clark was born and reared in Neshoba County, Mississippi. He is married to the former Louise Eldridge, also of Neshoba County. They have two children, Barry of Jackson and Lori who is a sophomore at East Central.

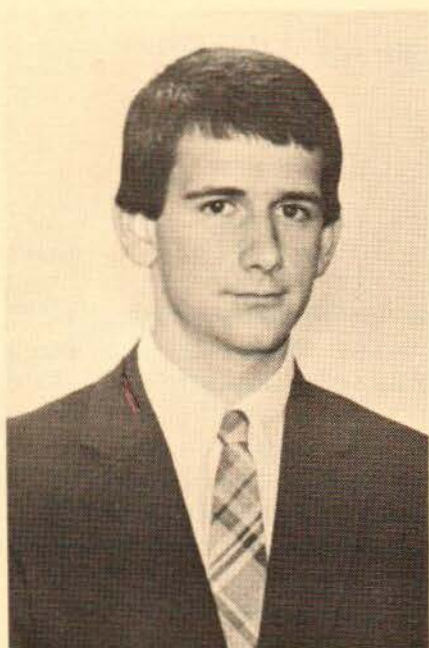
Clark attended one year at East Central Junior College after high school. He then enlisted in the United States Army Security Agency. The majority of his military duty was served at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. After military service he returned to East Central Junior College and completed the requirements for the A.A. Degree. He earned the B.S. Degree, graduating with honors and the M.Ed. Degree at Mississippi State University and has completed additional work at Mississippi State University and Mississippi College.

The teaching career of Chester Clark began at Columbus, Mississippi, where he taught Industrial Arts and Mechanical Drawing for six and one-half years. He then worked for R.C.A. Service Company as an instructor and Vocational Director in a federally contracted program through the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Philadelphia, Mississippi for two and one-half years. Clark came to East Central Junior College in 1969 as an instructor in the Drafting and Design Technology Program. He was made Assistant Vocational Director in 1974 and continued as part-time instructor. He became full-time Assistant Vocational Director in September 1987.

Professionally, Clark is a member of the local Education Association, the Mississippi Vocational Association, the American Vocational Association, and the local, state, and national VICA Club.

He is also a member and a deacon in Neshoba Baptist Church. He is currently teaching an adult Sunday School Class.

The tradition of excellence continues. . . .



DOUG WOODWARD



CHRIS HEMPHILL

Last school year only two academic All-American athletes were selected from Region XVIII (three states). Both pictured above were from East Central Junior College. Doug Woodward, basketball, maintained a GPA of 4.0 and Chris Hemphill, football, maintained a GPA of 3.67 for the two years at ECJC. Both young men are from Louisville.



The Scholars Bowl team of 1987 repeated as state champions defeating twenty other junior college teams for the right to represent Mississippi in Florida.